



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** March 28, 2008

**Meeting Location:** Dubois County DCS  
611 Bartley St.  
Jasper, IN 47546

**Council Members Present:** Georgann Gogel, Constance Branch, David Galloway, Bonita Mattingly, Amy Smith, Darlene McBride

**Council Members Absent:** Susan Lesko, Leslie Rowland, Lisa Bowles, Judge Weikert,

**Others In Attendance:** Janet Daniels, Natalie Kassenbrock, Victoria Painter, Lana Tobin

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:00 A.M.

1: Community Partners Update: Natalie Kassenbrock with IHB gave a summary of the referrals for the month of February 2008. As of February 29, 2008 a total of 84 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of February, a total of 31 new referrals were made for consideration and 26 were serviced. Four families failed to engage in services or declined services and one family was linked to Healthy Families. Fifteen referrals have been assigned for assessment.

Of the referrals, one came from Crawford County, five came from Daviess County, twelve came from Dubois County, three came from Orange County, three came from Perry County, and seven came from Spencer County.

Natalie mentioned how well the parenting classes are going and the council decided that they would include any foster parent to attend if they wished to do so. In March there were 3 parenting classes. In Spencer Co. there were 4 people who attended, in Orange Co. 2 people and the parenting class along with Cannelton school 26 people attended. There are 3 parenting classes coming up in April. A newsletter will be mailed to each foster parent informing them of the dates, time and location.

Natalie asked the council once again if we need to do more advertising. The council will discuss this issue and make a decision.

Natalie informed the council that the hard service charges are tracked by IL for each county. The limit for hard service charges is \$300.00. Natalie informed the council that there is funding available to send kids to summer camps to help lessen the stress in homes which might prevent abuse or neglect. The council will talk about this matter further at the next meeting.

Natalie informed the council on the status of subcontracting. She was scheduled to meet with Hoosier Hills Pact on March 12, 2008 but had to reschedule due to a meeting in Indianapolis. Meeting was rescheduled for March 19, 2008 but was cancelled due to the flooding.

2: Request for Funds: Orange County DCS is requesting authorization of \$800.00 to host an appreciation dinner and to provide gifts for their county's foster parents. Orange County DCS is also requesting authorization of \$155.14 to purchase written materials for the agency's lending library. The materials will be used in strengthening our families in their parenting skills and with public awareness. Council approved both requests.

IV-B Review proposals on 4-22-08 and will bring back to the May meeting.

3: The domestic violence seminar has been postponed until the fall.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** May 9, 2008 at 8:30 A.M. Eastern time, 7:30 A.M. Central time. The meeting will be held at the Dubois County DCS office, 611 Bartley St., Jasper, IN.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:00 A.M.